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#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Acidity 6.1 g/L - pH: 3.62

> Alcohol 13.2%

## SARACINA UNOAKED CHARDONNAY **MENDOCINO COUNTY 2019**



### BACKGROUND

Saracina is located along the Upper Russian River in northern California's wine country. The 400-acre ranch which includes a winery and sustainably farmed vineyards, is also home to a 140-year-old olive trees, vegetable gardens, beehives, and local birds and wildlife. The handcrafted, limited production Saracina wines reflect a conscious sense of this beautiful place in Mendocino County. Founded by husband and wife team John Fetzer and Patty Rock in 2001, Saracina has always been defined by a strong sense of family. In 2018, Marc Taub took on stewardship of Saracina, upholding the spirit of family ownership that has defined this iconic Mendocino County winery since inception.

#### APPELLATION

Mendocino County, California

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

#### **TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES**

The grapes come entirely from the Saracina ranch. The vines are 40 years old, clone 4, and are planted on soils influenced by the Russian River. The selected Chardonnay sites were harvested August 31st through September 9th, 2019.

#### WINEMAKING

The 100% estate grown fruit was whole cluster pressed, cool tank fermented with four months on lees. The wine was bottled on May 21, 2020.

#### TASTING NOTES

Fresh Chardonnay fruit flavors spring from the glass, with ripe yellow nectarine and pear notes without the heavy influence of malolactic fermentation or oak. There is an appealing purity on the palate, with a clean, bright finish and surprising concentration. Lovely on its own, or pair with grilled herb-marinated fish or chicken paillard.





90 PTS WINE SPECTATOR WEB'21



